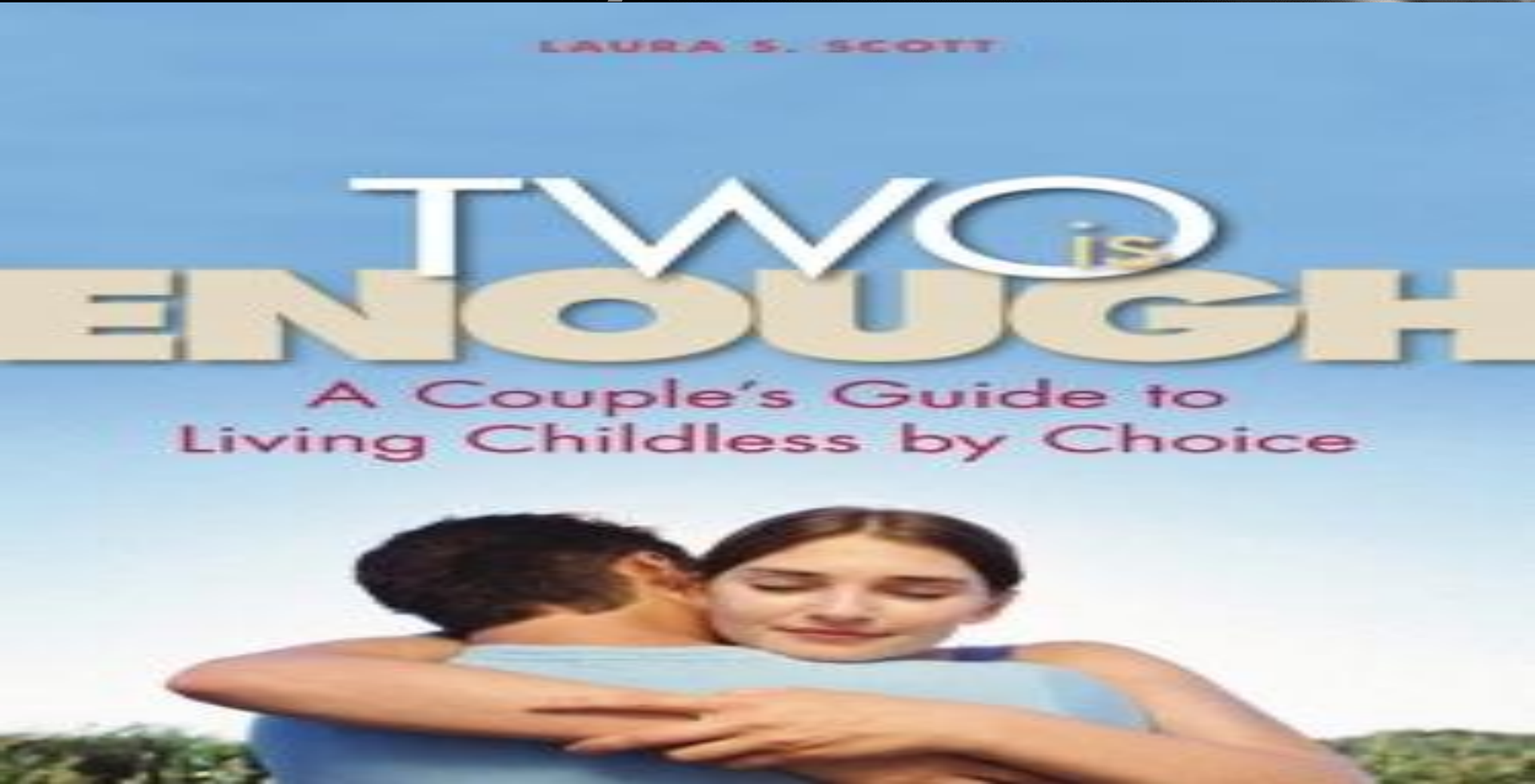


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- ❑ Refers to couples or individuals who freely choose to remain childlessness
- ❑ Stereotypes
- ❑ Social demographer Fran Baum categorized women who has chosen not to have children into 4 categories

# Stereotypes: Voluntary Childlessness

## Hedonists

- ❑ women who choose to remain childless to preserve their standard of living and who are unwilling to invest either their time or money in raising children





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## Emotional

- ❑ Women who do not have an emotional draw toward babies or children



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## Idealistic

- ❑ women who do not want to bring a child into the world they feel is unsuitable



# Stereotypes: Voluntary Childlessness

## Practical

- ❑ women who have a practical reason for not having children, such as no wanting to pass on a genetic defect to their child



# Stereotypes: Voluntary Childlessness

- ❑ Women have to deal with cultural attitudes that imply that they are somehow abnormal or less of a woman if they do not have children
- ❑ Men are still largely defined by their occupation, not their parental status